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SUBJ: SOVIET/MONGOLIAN SLAPS AT CHINA

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET AND MONGOLIAN LEADERS TOOK TURNS PRAISING EACH OTHER AND DENOUNCING PEKING IN SPEECHES IN ULAN BATOR ON MAY 6 (REPORTED IN PRAVDA MAY 7). THE SOVIET SPEAKER WAS LESS TRUCULENT THAN THE MONGOLIAN, AS USUAL, BUT WE SEE NO HINT OF A SOFTER SOVIET LINE FOLLOWING IL'CHEV'S DEPARTURE FROM PEKING. END SUMMARY.

2. MONGOLIAN PARTY CHIEF TESEDENBAL AND SOVIET CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY USTINOV (WHO HANDLES DEFENSE MATTERS) SPOKE AT CELEBRATIONS IN ULAN BATOR ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "SOVIETS" WORLD WAR II VICTORY. MOST OF THE RHETORIC ON BOTH SIDES WAS DEVOTED TO PRAISE FOR THE
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CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES DURING

AND SINCE THE WAR. TSEDENBAL IN PARTICULAR WENT ON AND ON ABOUT MOSCOW'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE, PROGRESS AND SOCIALISM. BOTH SPEAKERS MENTIONED THE COMBINED SOVIET-MONGOLIAN EFFORTS AGAINST JAPAN DURING THE WAR, AND USTINOV PAID BRIEF HEED TO THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN "THE ANTI-HITLER COALITION-- THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND OTHER COUNTRIES."

3. ON CHINA, THE TWO SPEAKERS FOLLOWED THE PATTERN ESTABLISHED DURING BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO MONGOLIA IN NOVEMBER (SEE 1974 MOSCOW 17847): USTINOV BLAMED THE "MAOIST LEADERSHIP" FOR TRYING TO WEAKEN THE TREND TOWARD DETENTE; FOR MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USSR, MONGOLIA AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES; AND FOR STRENGTHENING IMPERIALIST BLOCS. BUT MOSCOW SAID USTINOV, STILL SEEKS TO NORMALIZE SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. UNLIKE BREZHNEV, HOWEVER, USTINOV DID NOT REFER TO EITHER SIDE'S POSITION IN THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS.

4. TSEDENBAL, AS USUAL, PLAYED THE HEAVY, ACCUSING THE "MAOISTS" OF OPPOSING SECURITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF ASIA, OF FOLLOWING AN ANTI-PEOPLE, ANTI-SOCIALIST COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, OF SIDING WITH THE MOST REACTIONARY IMPERIALIST CIRCLES, OF SEEKING TO SPLIT REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, AND OF OTHER EVIL DEEDS. THUS, SAID TSEDENBAL, THE FIGHT AGAINST "REACTIONARY MAOISM" IS PART OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM. PRAVDA (MAY 5) CARRIED EXCERPTS OF A TSEDENBAL ARTICLE DENOUNCING THE CHINESE, AND MAO IN PARTICULAR, FOR NOT PROPERLY VALUING THE SOVIET CONTRIBUTION IN THE WAR.

5. DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF COMMENT ON THE BORDER ISSUE, WE SEE NO SIGN OF ANY SOFTENING OF THE ANTI-PEKING TONE OF THESE REMARKS--THE FIRST LEADERSHIP COMMENTS SINCE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IL'ICHEV LEFT PEKING FOR MOSCOW ON MAY 5 "TEMPORARILY OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS."
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